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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Osterfeld, et al. )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/037,596 ) ART UNIT  
FILED: November 7, 2001 ) 1733  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
FIXING THE POSITION OF AN END )  
CAP ON A FILTER ELEMENT, USING )  
INDUCTIVE HEATING )

EXAMINER:  
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RESPONSE

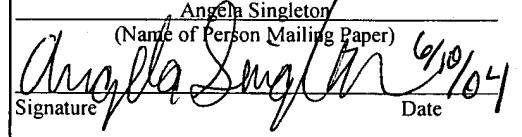
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Sir:

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